

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of creating hypermedia content for a web site, making use of a computer configuration that has an operating system wherein files are ~~configurable~~ stored in folders arranged in a hierarchical file structure provided by a file handling system native to the operating system, and the operating system is provided with a viewer that provides a visual display of the hierarchical file structure and an indication of the file content, the method ~~being characterised by~~ comprising:

using the viewer of the operating system to ~~establish a~~ view the hierarchical file structure of files corresponding to content for the web site, and running a conversion program module to convert the file contents stored in folders arranged in the hierarchical file structure provided by the file handling system native to the operating system into hypermedia for the web site with hyperlinks therein corresponding to ~~the file structure~~ at least one relationship of at least one of the stored files with at least one other of the stored files within the hierarchical file structure provided by the file handling system native to the operating system.

2. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 including using the viewer to transfer files of content for the web site from other file

locations of the computer configuration, into the hierarchical file structure of files for the web site.

3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the computer configuration is operable to run a plurality of different application programs with individual file formats, and the hierarchical file structure for the web site includes files in a plurality of said different formats, the method including using the conversion program module to convert the files of the different formats into a form suitable for use as hypermedia on the web site.

4. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the hierarchical file structure includes a file first one of the folders for storing files, and at least one underlying layer containing at least one file sub-folder, and the conversion program module produces web pages corresponding to the first of the folders and any sub_folders with hyperlinks between them corresponding to the folder hierarchy.

5. (currently amended) A method according to claim 4 wherein the first folder contains a template file defining a predetermined configuration for hypermedia at a node in the web site corresponding to the first folder, and the

conversion program module produces a web page corresponding to a template for the node.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 5 wherein the conversion program module produces a web page corresponding to the template for a node corresponding to the at least one sub-folder.

7. (currently amended) A method according to claim 5 wherein the conversion program module searches the at least one sub-folder to determine if it contains a template file defining a predetermined configuration for hypermedia at a node in the web site corresponding to the at least one sub-folder and the produces a web page corresponding to the template for a node corresponding to the at least one sub-folder.

8. (currently amended) A method according to claim 7 wherein if no template file is found in the at least one sub-folder, the conversion program module searches said first folder to find a template file to be applied to the at least one sub-folder.

9. (previously presented) A method according to claim 5 wherein the template file includes a plugin for inserting predetermined hypermedia from different files into the web page produced by the template.

10. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9 wherein the plugin defines a link and the conversion program module produces a hyperlink in the web page produced by means of the template with a configuration defined by the link.

11. (currently amended) A method according to claim 4 wherein the first folder or the at least one sub-folder contains a document template for defining a predetermined configuration for hypermedia at a web page in the web site corresponding to a text document in the first folder or the at least one sub-folder.

12. (previously presented) A method according to claim 4 further including providing a library of said templates and using the file viewer to transfer a selected one or more of the templates from the library to the one or more of the folders.

13. (currently amended) A method according to claim 12 wherein the folder ~~structure~~ hierarchy includes a root folder and sub-folders depending therefrom, and including placing at least one of the templates in the root folder.

14. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the computer configuration comprises a network and including arranging the files in the hierarchical file structure for the web site, using the file viewer, from different file locations in the network.

15. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 further including uploading the hypermedia for installation on a server for the web site.

16. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15 further including providing a local preview of the hypermedia before uploading it to the server.

17. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 further including causing the conversion program module to be downloaded to the computer configuration from a remote server.

18.-19. (canceled)

20. (original) A program module according to claim 17 recorded on a recording medium insertable into the computer configuration to be loaded therein.

21. (original) A program module according to claim 17 configured as a download to be downloaded from a server to the computer configuration.

22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) A method of creating hypermedia content for a web site, the method comprising:

~~configuring~~ storing files in folders arranged in a hierarchical file structure
~~using~~ provided by a file handling system native to an operating system;

providing a visual display of the hierarchical file structure and an indication of file content with a viewer that is provided with the operating system;

~~establishing a~~ using the hierarchical file structure provided by the native handling system of the operating system to define at least one relationship between at least one of the files and at least one other of the files of files corresponding to content for the web site using the viewer of the operating system; and

converting the file content into hypermedia for the web site with hyperlinks therein corresponding to the hierarchical structure of files the at least one

relationship between the at least one of the files and at the least one of the other files as defined by the hierarchical file structure through execution of a conversion program module.

24. (currently amended) A computer system for creating hypermedia content for a web site, the computer system comprising:

an operating system for configuring and storing files in folders arranged in a hierarchical structure, the operating system being provided with a native file handling system defining the hierarchical structure and a viewer that provides a visual display of the hierarchical structure and an indication of file content; and

a conversion program module for converting the a hierarchical structure of the files corresponding to content for the web site previously assembled in the operating system using the viewer, into hypermedia for the web site with hyperlinks therein corresponding to the hierarchical structure of the files based on one or more identified relationships between folders storing files, the one or more identified relationships being defined by an arrangement of the folders within the hierarchical structure.

25. (previously presented) A method as in claim 23, wherein the operating system is executed in a networked environment for concurrent access by multiple users.

26. (previously presented) A system as in claim 24, wherein the operating system is executed in a networked environment for concurrent access by multiple users.

27. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the operating system is executed in a networked environment for concurrent access by multiple users.

28. (canceled)

29. (new) A method of creating hypermedia content for a web-site from content files stored in a memory of a computer system, the computer system having an operating system which includes a file management function, with which each file may be stored within a folder or a sub-folder and each folder or sub-folder may contain zero, one or more sub-folders to enable a hierarchical file structure to be formed in which files in a first folder are considered to be higher up the hierarchical file structure than files stored within a sub-folder of the first folder, and a viewer which provides a visual display of the hierarchical structure and an indication of the file content, the method comprising:

traversing at least a part of the hierarchical file structure to identify one or

more of the content files and its or their relationships with at least one other of the content files; and

converting the one or more identified content files into hypermedia content, the converting step including generating hyperlinks within the hypermedia content which correspond to the identified relationship or relationships with the at least one other of the content files.

30. (new) A method according to claim 29, further comprising using the viewer to transfer content files for the web site from other file locations of the computer system into the hierarchical structure of files for the web site.

31. (new) A method according to claim 29, wherein the computer system is operable to run a plurality of different application programs with individual file formats, and the hierarchical structure for the web site includes files in a plurality of said different formats, the converting step including converting the files of the different formats into a form suitable for use as hypermedia on the web site.

32. (new) A method according to claim 29 wherein the hierarchical structure includes a file folder, and at least one underlying layer containing at least one file subfolder, the converting step producing web pages corresponding to the

folder and any subfolders with hyperlinks between them corresponding to folder hierarchy.

33. (new) A method according to claim 32, wherein the folder contains a template file defining a predetermined configuration for hypermedia at a node in the web site corresponding to the folder, the converting step producing a web page corresponding to the template for the node.

34. (new) A method according to claim 33 wherein the converting step produces a web page corresponding to the template for a node corresponding to the sub-folder.

35. (new) A method according to claim 33 wherein the converting step includes searching the sub-folder to determine if it contains a template file defining a predetermined configuration for hypermedia at a node in the web site corresponding to the subfolder and then produces a web page corresponding to the template for a node corresponding to the sub-folder.

36. (new) A method according to claim 35 wherein if no template file is found in the sub-folder, the converting step includes searching said folder to find a template file to be applied to the sub-folder.

37. (new) A method according to claim 33 wherein the template file includes a plug-in for inserting predetermined hypermedia from different files into the web pages produced by the template.

38. (new) A method according to claim 37 wherein the plug-in defines a link and the converting step produces a hyperlink in the web page produced by means of the template with a configuration defined by the link.

39. (new) A method according to claim 32 wherein the folder or the sub-folder contains a document template for defining a predetermined configuration for hypermedia at a web page in the web site corresponding to a text document in the folder or subfolder.

40. (new) A method according to claim 32 including providing a library of said templates and using the file viewer to transfer a selected one or more of the templates from the library to the one or more of the folders.

41. (new) A method according to claim 40 wherein the folder structure includes a root folder and sub-folders depending therefrom, and including placing at least one of the templates in the root folder.

42. (new) A method according to claim 29 wherein the computer system comprises a network and the method further comprises arranging the files in the hierarchical structure for the web-site, using the file viewer, from different file locations in the network.

43. (new) A method according to claim 29 further comprising uploading the hypermedia for installation on a server for the web site.

44. (new) A method according to claim 43 further comprising providing a local preview of the hypermedia before uploading it to the server.

45. (new) A method according to claim 29 wherein the converting step is performed by a conversion program module downloaded to the computer system from a remote server.

46. (new) A computer system for creating hypermedia content for a web-site from content files stored in a memory of the computer system, the computer system comprising:

an operating system which includes a file management function, with which each file may be stored within a folder or a sub-folder and each folder or

sub-folder may contain zero, one or more sub-folders to enable a hierarchical file structure to be formed in which files in a first folder are considered to be higher up the structure than files stored within a sub-folder of the first folder;

a viewer which provides a visual display of the hierarchical structure and an indication of the file content;

means for traversing at least a part of the hierarchical file structure to identify one or more of the content files and its or their relationships with at least one other of the content files; and

means for converting the one or more identified content files into hypermedia content, the converting means including means for generating hyperlinks within the hypermedia content which correspond to the identified relationship or relationships with the at least one other of the content files.

47. (new) A computer readable medium tangibly embodying a computer program or suite of programs which upon execution performs a method of creating hypermedia content for a web-site from content files stored in a memory of a computer system, the computer system having an operating system which includes a file management function, with which each file may be stored within a folder or a sub-folder and each folder or sub-folder may contain zero, one or more sub-folders to enable a hierarchical file structure to be formed in which files in a first folder are considered to be higher up the structure than files stored within a sub-

folder of the first folder, and a viewer which provides a visual display of the hierarchical structure and an indication of the file content, the method comprising:

traversing at least a part of the hierarchical file structure to identify one or more of the content files and its or their relationships with at least one other of the content files; and

converting the one or more identified content files into hypermedia content, the converting step including generating hyperlinks within the hypermedia content which correspond to the identified relationship or relationships with the at least one other of the content files.